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SENATE MEMORIAL 11

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A MEMORIAL

EXPRESSING THE INTENT OF THE SENATE THAT CONGRESS RESCIND THE
IRAQ RESOLUTION AND THAT CONGRESS PASS A RESOLUTION CALLING FOR
THE IMMEDIATE WITHDRAWAL OF AMERICAN TROOPS FROM THE WAR IN
IRAQ.

WHEREAS, over three thousand New Mexico army and air
national guard troops have served in Iraq; and

WHEREAS, more than three thousand United States troops
have lost their lives in the war in Iraq and more than forty-
seven thousand have suffered injuries; and

WHEREAS, President Bush deployed New Mexico's army and air
national guard troops on the pretense that weapons of mass
destruction existed in Iraq; and

WHEREAS, it has been conclusively determined that there
were no weapons of mass destruction in Iraq; and

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1 WHEREAS, President Bush deployed New Mexico's army and air
2 national guard troops on the pretense that Iraq was linked to
3 the September 11, 2001 terrorist attack; and

4 WHEREAS, it has been conclusively determined that Iraq was
5 not involved in the September 11, 2001 terrorist attack; and

6 WHEREAS, President Bush deployed New Mexico's army and air
7 national guard troops on the pretense that Iraq was the most
8 serious threat facing the national security of the United
9 States; and

10 WHEREAS, it has been conclusively determined that Iraq
11 poses no risk to the national security of the United States;
12 and

13 WHEREAS, according to an October 2006 *Newsweek* poll:

14 A. fifty-eight percent of Americans believe that
15 the Bush administration knowingly misled the American people in
16 building its case for war against Iraq;

17 B. sixty-four percent of Americans believe that the
18 United States is losing ground in the war in Iraq;

19 C. sixty-six percent of Americans say the war has
20 not made the United States safe from terrorism; and

21 D. fifty-three percent of Americans believe that it
22 was a mistake to go to war in Iraq in 2003; and

23 WHEREAS, according to a CNN/USA Today/Gallup poll, fifty-
24 five percent of Americans do not view the war in Iraq as being
25 related to the war against terrorism; and

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1 WHEREAS, New Mexico's national guard units may be deployed
2 again to serve in Iraq; and

3 WHEREAS, United States' allies in Iraq have already
4 reduced their forces by twenty-six thousand since the March
5 2003 invasion; and

6 WHEREAS, three of America's allies in Iraq, Italy,
7 Bulgaria and Ukraine, withdrew all of their forces in 2005 and
8 2006, and a half dozen other allies are debating possible
9 withdrawals; and

10 WHEREAS, according to a 2006 Zogby poll, nearly three out
11 of four American soldiers serving in Iraq believe that United
12 States forces should withdraw by 2007; and

13 WHEREAS, more than one thousand uniformed, active-duty
14 military personnel, many of whom have served in Iraq, have
15 appealed for redress to congress stating that "staying in Iraq
16 will not work and is not worth the price. It is time for U.S.
17 troops to come home."; and

18 WHEREAS, according to a 2005 ABC News/Time magazine poll,
19 more than two-thirds of Iraqis disapprove of the presence of
20 United States forces in Iraq; and

21 WHEREAS, according to a CNN/USA Today/Gallup poll, fifty-
22 five percent of Americans do not believe that President Bush
23 has a plan that will achieve victory for the United States in
24 Iraq; and

25 WHEREAS, according to a 2006 poll by the United States

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1 state department, a strong majority of Iraqis want United
2 States troops to withdraw immediately from the war because it
3 would make Iraq more secure and decrease sectarian violence and
4 reduce the genocidal slaughter of Iraqis; and

5 WHEREAS, America's soldiers are caught in the middle of a
6 civil war from which there is no victory in sight; and

7 WHEREAS, almost one-half of all American military
8 casualties are caused by roadside bombs, such that American
9 forces have simply become defenseless human targets for
10 pointless slaughter;

11 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE
12 OF NEW MEXICO that congress hereby be called upon to rescind
13 the Iraq resolution and to pass a resolution calling for the
14 immediate withdrawal of American troops in Iraq; and

15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution in no way
16 condemns our military men and women who honorably performed
17 their duties in Iraq according to their understanding; and

18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
19 transmitted to the president of the United States senate, the
20 majority leader of the United States house of representatives
21 and the members of the New Mexico congressional delegation.